

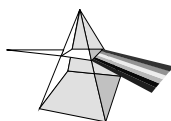
ORCHESTRAS AT WAUBONSIE – info for incoming freshmen

↑	Most Advanced	Chamber Strings (9-12)
		Chamber Orchestra (10-12)
↓	Advanced (auditioned)	Symphonic Strings (10-12)
		Concert Strings (9)
↓	Intermediate (non-auditioned)	Symphonic Orchestra (10-12)
		Concert Orchestra (9)

Curricular Concerts Freshmen Participate In



Fall Concert The Fall Concert showcases each individual ensemble and allows us to demonstrate the skills that we have developed in the first quarter. In order to include our future 8th grade orchestra students and give each group a little more performance time, we will have two separate concerts



Prism Concert (only for Freshman in Warrior Strings) The Prism Concert, one of the “hottest” tickets in District 204, presents vignettes of the music department in a cohesive 70-minute concert event. The concert began as a simple idea and has grown into an enormous success. Tickets are free, but are required for admission. Watch for information regarding the distribution of tickets in mid November. The tickets typically “sell out” in a matter of hours.



Meet the Artist The "Meet the Artist" Concert features all of the talents of our freshmen music ensembles. In January, a guest artist is in musical residency at WVHS working with all freshmen ensembles. Similar to the Prism Concert, the music flows nearly continuously presenting the each of the individual ensembles. The final musical selection is a piece written or arranged by the guest artist specifically for the WVHS freshmen ensembles. This selection is a spectacular culmination that brings all of the freshmen musicians together!

Music in Our School Month Concerts (MIOSM) These are a series of concerts that feature the entire music department throughout the month of March.



Senior Concerto Concert (only Concert Strings Freshman) The WVHS Music Department sponsors a concert for outstanding seniors to have the opportunity to solo with the WV Chamber Orchestra. This competition will be open to any senior in the music department (band, chorus, and orchestra). Information will be available in October and auditions will take place in early January. Seniors -- Plan on choosing a piece with orchestra accompaniment now and start practicing! (Chamber Strings+Orchestra, Symphonic Strings & Concert Strings)

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Fine Arts Festival The Fine Arts Festival is a showcase of the arts that every music student in District 204 participates in most years.



Orchestra Pops Concert This concert has become a tradition at WVHS. Started in 1992 as a way to encourage more people to attend an orchestra concert, it has become one of the most anticipated events of the year for music students and community concertgoers! For those who have not experienced this event – you are in for a great surprise!

Co-Curricular Events

Warrior Strings

This is an extra-curricular string ensemble that functions as the ambassador of the WVHS Strings Department. This ensemble performs for a delicious dessert concert as well as the PRISM concert. Students should demonstrate ability and comfort to perform music of various styles, however there is no audition to be a member of this group.

ILMEA District IX Orchestra (Concert Strings Freshmen only)

Entrance into the group is based on highly competitive auditions consisting of scales, sight reading, and predetermined orchestral excerpts. If you are interested in auditioning see your orchestra director.



District Solo and Ensemble Festival

District 204 instituted this event in 1996. Clinicians are invited to adjudicate student solos and ensembles performances. Following the performance, a short clinic is given, in which the clinician gives helpful suggestions and works with the students for several minutes. Several of the best-prepared players are selected to play in an honor recital on the same evening. (Members of all auditioned orchestras are expected to participate in this event.)

Musical (Auditioned)

The pit orchestra is, without a doubt, one of the most advanced instrumental ensembles at WVHS. Auditions typically consist of sight-reading, scales, etudes, and a prepared piece. Auditions are in early March. Although the pit orchestra involves a great deal of extra outside preparation, rehearsals, and performances, it is also one of the most rewarding musical experiences WVHS can offer.

